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REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action of July 3, 2002, claims 1-22 were allowed and claims 23-44 were rejected. Applicant traverses the rejections as follows.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)

Claims 23-26, 28-32, and 34-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Paneth et al. (6,393,002). It was alleged that Paneth discloses each and every element of Applicants' claims.

Paneth teaches a communication system that processes multiple information signals from a public network exchange and sends the signals to a plurality of mobile subscriber units. Paneth does not teach, describe, or even mention a push-to-talk communication system, and therefore cannot and does not teach "transmitting a push-to-talk frame", as claimed by Applicants. Therefore, Paneth cannot anticipate Applicants' claims.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 27 and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Paneth et al. in view of Schwed (5,592,556). It was alleged that Paneth discloses all of the subject matter of the claimed invention with the exception of an encrypted message, and that Schwed does teach such provisions. Applicants note that claims 27 and 33 depend on claims that Applicants believe are patentable, therefore Applicants believe that claims 27 and 33 are likewise patentable, as depending on allowable claims.



CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Please charge the fee specified in 37CFR§1.17(a)(1) to Deposit Account No. 17-0026 of Qualcomm, Inc. in the amount of \$110 to extend the period for response 1 month from October 3, 2002 to November 3, 2002. The Commissioner is hereby further authorized to charge payment of any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 17-0026.

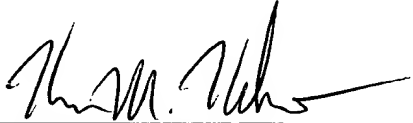
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